## PINWHERRY & PINMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Thursday 20 February 2014 IN PINWHERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Community Councillors present:** Roger Pirrie (Chair), Chris Saunders (Vice Chair), Mike Chamberlain (Treasurer), Marie McNulty (Secretary), Joy Chamberlain, John McAlley, David Logan.

**Co-opted members:** 

**In Attendance:**S.A.C Link Officer Louise Fyfe, SAC Elected Councillor John McDowall.

**Apologies:** Peter Walker, Pearl McGibbons, Charles Welsh. Community Police Officer: Called out to an emergency. **Members of the public:** Claire Pirrie, Victoria Boyle

**Chair** taken by Roger Pirrie. **Minutes** taken by Senga Scobie **Declarations of Interest:** No additions to those registered.

Item no.	Item	Action by
1.	Attending police officers were called out to an accident close to Pinwherry Hall. The following report was forwarded.	
	2 crashes to report. One occurred at the turning at Hallowchapel. The other occurred about 200yds south of Alticane Farm.	
2.	Open Forum:  • No reports	
3.	Minutes of 16 January 2014. Approval proposed by John McAlley Seconded by Chris Saunders. All agreed.	
4.	Matters arising not on the agenda: Item No 12. Residents insurance premium going up by approximately £600. A check list has been put in magazine. Resident did get another lower quote, resident suggested PPCC writing to MSP regarding this. J McA advised SEPA map states this information not to be used for insurance purposes. It was agreed to wait until magazine with articles goes out to assess feedback.	
	Item No12 dog chipping – This proved very successful with more dogs being chipped than the same service held in Glasgow.	
5.	Regular Reports:	
	SAC Elected Member John McDowall: Caretaker will be replaced – this post is now being advertised with hours being 15 hours was previously 19	

hours.

Audit Scotland recently published in press – J McD gave a brief update on this and advised issues have caused a low in staff morale. J McD advised SAC position is not as bad as the press has made it out to be. There are issues, which are being addressed.

## **SAC Link Officer Louise Fyfe:**

Advised there are good things being done within the council. CLD received an excellent for various pieces of work.

Noise nuisance team – Environmental Health informed LF they will liaise with public.

#### **Treasurer Mike Chamberlain:**

£8023.96 in bank £10,590 School House No small grant applications

#### Secretary:

MM Contacted Gus Collins about rural parliament – Claire Monaghan is going to talk to Community Council forums about the new parliament.

SSE Renewables – Hadyard Hill extension proposed of 51 turbines. CP advised a disc will be given to all CC's. 2 public exhibitions will be held. CP proposed writing requesting PPCC be kept informed every step of the way and if this happens the right people benefit from the community benefit fund.

RP/CCCF position on voting for/against wind farms developments is remaining neutral. Local businesses are being hampered with wind farm developments in relation to impact on tourism projects. J McD gave a briefing on planning policies with regards to each application being assessed on own merit. CP advised Minuntion and Pinmore mains were jointly assessed and turned down.

CP questioned if CCCF representatives for wind farms have asked their residents if they want the wind farms or not.

# 6. Pinwherry School & 2 Pins update:

Provost Mooney visiting on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb for tree planting.

## 7. Roads:

RP, PW & J McA met with KB. Usual issues raised. KB advised there is no money. Quality of work still a problem with inadequate repairs still being done. J McD has raised this issue. KB responded, overfilled holes may be incomplete but will not cause damage to cars. It was noted avoidance driving is dangerous. RP advised response from KB was not inspiring.

J McD expressed his view as being that standards had dropped with the change of officer approximately 2 years ago. Inadequate management by supervisors and questionable follow-up inspections. Stuart Turner is starting in April. Department is still in the transition phase.

Altercannoch windfarm liaison meeting next Thursday. Roads issue will be discussed.

RP

J McA issue on flooding – raised point main road has been flooded cutting off residents. Drainage is a problem. RP, Colmonell residents got their flood problem at Belhamie has been resolved. RP will follow up on how they went about this.

# 8. Wind farm updates/developments CP

- Minuntion and Pinmore Mains turbines refused planning permission.
- Tralorg appeal to Scottish Government is pending.
- Corwar's appeal to Scottish Government refused.
- Altercannoch 10 turbines application was to be submitted end of 2013 and community liaison group ongoing.
- Millenderdale 7x125 metre turbines about to submit.
   Application and EIS on its way.
- Breaker Hill 9x86.5 metres turbines. Extension to application until June/.
- Straid 14x64 metre turbines pending decision.
- Hadyard Hill 51 turbine extension to the east EIS received.
- Penwhapple 10x22 metre turbines. EIS submitted.
- · Numerous single turbine applications ongoing.
- Assel Valley projects Roads bond what is being done to reinstate the roads.

CP emailed all an updated map of windfarm developments.

£100k budget was allocated in respect of the Arecleoch wind farm for repairs to the A714.

JMcD

RP JMcD

	RP requested J McD find out if power companies are liaising with SAC over budget for roads post windfarm development. Is a pre-windfarm development survey done? RP will send J McD correspondence received on this to take forward.	
9.	Forum Updates – All No CF meeting since January. HH no report. CCCF CS study for new houses in rural area, looking for people to sit on working group panel. CS will ask PW if he is interested.  RP stated that previous planning consultations between	CS
40	community councils and South Ayrshire Council on housing in rural areas was very poorly attended.	
10.	Any other business:  RP is on the Board of SAYLSA, advised of his interest in trains. MM has a copy of Business Plan. J McD explained points from Pathfinder meeting. SAYLSA will be preferred body to lead the Community	
	Board of SAYLSA is made up of various groups. RP will represent commmunity councils including Maybole, all present happy for RP to do this. This will be on Agenda for CC meeting monthly.	
	SAYLSA Business Plan available on request from MM.	
	There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.	
	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 20 March 2014 @ 7.30PM IN PINWHERRY COMMUNITY	

Minutes approved: John McAlley Chris Saunders

Last meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> 2014